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### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Governor Jennings Jurnishes much valuable information in which the public is interested, and makes wise recommendations for needed legislation. Numerous miner matters are masidered, and the interests of the whole state are ably set forth.

The following are the most importast recommendations

Refunding maturing debt at lower sate of interest.

Legislation for the relief of the supreme court.

State heard of equalization to determine the relative value of real ostote for taxation.

Improvement of state capitol build-

Leading state convicts at their avsertained value which is about five | hands of individuals \$178,800. singuished the store zone gets.

Retaining state control of quaran-

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geterior shall communicate by message to the legislature, at each regular sescon information concerning the condition of the state, and recommend such measures us les may deem expedient," I have the leasest of entracrating the folbwing statute-try and recommenda-

The limineral standing of Forrida 1s of the best, who have no floating circle and fond, while's makes a creditable showwe, paid district the openin of January.

educes of Florain, if it is excepted that | mitted to the legislature. Were are now in the sinking funds !

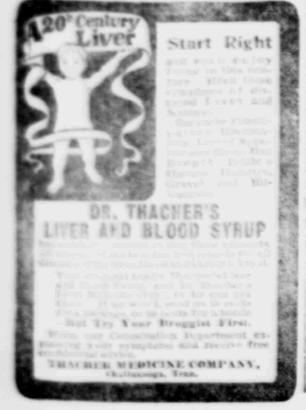
#8900. Three at the Hospital For the Inappropriations for the various schools, the state eapited building and other deparements and buildings suggest the governor of Florida. word right economy in every step of legasiation, the application and enforcement of the law, and the greatest effort · demanded to preserve our financial standing to avoid making the burden of faxation beavier.

#### The Bonded Debt of Florida.

The bonded debt of Florida is now 1961, and 6 per cent bonds issued in 1873, to margre January 1, 1903, as follows: WENT PURI VENT ROUNDS OF 1871.

Amount loaned \$250,000 Bedget amount to

Staking famil BIR POR CUCH BOXES OF 1873. American maps groupers



presented.

and the legislature should provide for redeeming or refunding them," at "a lower rate of interest." Constitution of Florida, article 9, section 6.

state, except \$900, which will be taken i up by the State school fund when presented, it would be advisable, if these bonds are to be refunded, to provide for the execution of one manuscript bond, payable to each fund, covering the amount of the bonds held by them respectively. This will avoid the expense of issning lithograph bonds and prevent the possibility of the loss of the bonds.

Of the bonds issued in 1873 there are now \$764,800 outstanding as valid oblithere was on January 1, 1901, in the State school, Seminary and Agricultural college funds \$586,000, leaving in the

These bonds will mature and become parable on January 1, 1903; therefore, it is encumbent upon this legislature to provide for "redeeming or refunding"

the educational funds of the state, could Experiment 1 . Age. J. 1801 | be converted into manuscript bonds, as Continued of the Senar- and House of personamended for the 7 per cent bonds. The report of the state treasurer for In observer to the manualty of the January 1, 1901, shows that the three as compensation as the supreme court of a suitable structure such as the necesmonstitution. which directs that "the perminent educational funds of the justices receive. state own Florida state bonds amounting to \$541,700, and also bonds of other states amounting to \$195,000, and that a lettle man tuan \$30,000, belonging to the se functs, then remain uninvested.

one can be sold and the proceeds the to Florida state bonds. This, a to amount on hand uninvested, ... from the probable sale - and and seminary lands during " - v - ur and next, will enable the edusown by the trasurer's report, include the state to take up, as by this so lo m the general revenue | contract the entire bonded debt of | empted property excepted. and which makes a creditable show-ing. This found, now-ver, would be the land to be the land to the land the land to the land ha a war had the state in the position

Londs and tithe Papers. My artistica was called to the fact by makeritania, and programs should J. P. Cobb and J. E. King, to open the be made for refunding them at a lower | said safe in the presence of the state treasurer and in the presence of each other and make a complete inventory It wish to observed that there has not | and ast of the contents thereof and rebeen a dollar paid on the bonded indebt. | report the same in detail, to be trans-

In obedience thereto their inventory whate homes amounting to \$242,500, and report is transmitted herewith, which bands should be destroyed by log which will show in detail the contents of the said safe. Among the items will The interest past on the state debt in | be observed three thousand bonds (3,000) 1000 amonuted to \$65,504 The state's of the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mocredit will guarantee a heasty sale of her | bile Railroad company of \$1,000 each, bonds bearing Coer cent interest, and with coupons, dated January 1, 1870, Constribute the taxpe curs of one-half of | payable to the state of Florida, and amounting to \$8,084,360, which are known as the M. S. Littlefield bonds.

One thousand (1,000) bonds of the Florida Central Railroad company of some are approaching an expenditure of \$1,000 each, with coupons, dated Jan-100,000 per aunum, and the necessary | mary 1, 1870, and amounting to \$3,376,-900, payable to the state of Florida, endorsed on the back by Harrison Reed,

One hundred (100) first mortgage bonds of the South Florida Railway company of \$10,000 each, dated November 4, 1871, payable to the state of Florida, with coupons, amounting to \$3,360,000.

#### Relief of the Supreme Court.

Many years ago the supreme court \$1,002,506, consisting of 7 per cent bonds | docket became congested, and for the assed in 1871, to mature January 1, past several years much has been said and written upon the subject, vet we find the problem unsolved.

Each legislature since 1893 has considered to some extent various plans for rehef, and bills have been introduced looking to the solution of this condition. During the sessions of the legislature of 1893 and 1895 an impression was made upon my mind as a member of the house of representatives that all plans submitted were subject to a constitutional objection, and that the supreme court of any law upon that subject. I am ad-White an arm will, low out-cauching as wised that at subsequent sessions of the The department of 1897 and 1899 an impresand her course of the selection opposed to the enactment of any law upon this subject. This, however, I am the removal of the state capital has been such as impression created by them, or tion was passed upon by the state continuous and this question was passed upon by the state continuous and this question was passed upon by the state continuous and this question was passed upon by the state continuous and the state capital has been occasionally mentioned, and this question was passed upon by the state capital has been occasionally mentioned. with their consent, and I am glad to be court judges are perfectly willing that such a law be enacted and given a fair Start Right beaug that a law be so framed as to not at a primary election to be held at the violate the part the constitution time of the holding of the state election, to be conveyed that the question in. November 6, 1900. It was further devalves many constitutional considera-

12-3718. articents, legislative, executive toms of the constitution to enact a law providing for mountenal justices, or to clothe other persons (except as stated therein) with judicial function.

A study of the decisions upon this subject of other states suggests with much force the grave constitutional Every bottle gauranteed.

now in the hands of individuals \$900, rocks that must be guarded against in clared by the convention, as expressed which does not bear interest since Jan- order to enact an effectual law, and the in the platform, "that if Tallahassee mary 1, 1907, and will be taken up when delicacy with which the court itself shall receive a plurality, vote, then the These bonds matured January 1, 1901, such a law. If a law on this or any accommodations for the state's records other subject is enacted by the legisla- and business." Part of section 25. ture, that is in violation of the constitu-As all these bonds of 1871 are now held | ing short of that could be expected of | such primary election, and the returns by the several educational funds of the the court, nor anything else than the of such primary election on this question meet the approval of the people of commission, to enable the court to dis- the executive office by Hon. Frank law was passed authorizing the justices | stated, "that the returns did show that of the supreme court to employ suitable | the city of Tallahassee did receive, not persons learned in the law to assist the only a plurality of the votes cast therejustices in their work, and to perform at, but did receive a majority over all of gations against the state. Of this amount | such duties as the justices should re- | the candidate cities for the state capital quire, under rules and regulations to be | location." Thus it is made apparent missioners were not vested with indicial | for the state's records and business, and

powers or official duties. The operation of the law was a success, and I recommend the exactment of | The departments are greatly crowded a similar law, carefully prepared to and are in need of more room. Two them, "at a lower rate of interest. Con- guard against constitutional objections, plans have been suggested; one that Important constitutional amends statutum of Florida, article 9, section 6. | authorizing the justices of the supreme | suitable additions be made to the pres-The bonds of this issue, now held by court to select and employ three suita- ent capitol building, the other that a ble men learned in the law to assist | separate building be erected for certain them in their work, and that an appro- departments. These are questions for priation be made to pay such cammissioners of the supreme court a like sum | I respectfully recommend the erection

One of the most important questions for your consideration is that of taxation. I took occasion to refer to this subject in my inaugural address, which I take the liberty of reproducing here as expressing my views on this subject.

Section 1, article 9 of the constitution reads: "The legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal rate of taxation and shall prescribe such rules and regulations as shall secure just valuations of all property, both real and personal, ex-

This is a subject that has perplexed men of experienced minds from time immemorial and will continue to do so while the subject lasts. It has been ascertained that under our present system of valuations, property in some of the counties is assessed at 90 per cent of its value, while in other counties it is assessed at less than 20 per cent of its value. In 1871 the legislature created a state board of equalization to determine the relative value of real estate in the different counties. This board made its report to the legislature of 1872, which report was confirmed. Since that time, nearly 30 years, there has been no power or board of equalization to determine the relative values of real estate in the different counties, resulting in a policy of local depression of valuations which has placed our state in the awkward position of maintaining an uneven burden of government and a higher rate of taxation than would otherwise have been required. That a remedy should be provided to relieve those who are bearing unjust burdens and to provide for a uniform and equal rate of taxation must be apparent. I am convinced that such is the will and wish of the people of Florida, and suggest the creation of a state board of equalization whose pow-

#### ers shall be prescribed by law.

Taxation on Banks. The assessment of bank stocks and property presents many difficult problems. We have private banks which do not make statements or reports of their financial condition or capital to any official; others are carrying on a banking business under special charters; many state banks are organized under the general banking act, some with the minimum capital of stock, others with the maximum; there are also many national banks, some with \$50,000 capital stock, others with \$100,000 and upwards with other resources, undivided profits and surplus, with many other items of value many times greater than their capital stock, for which they make no showing upon the tax books.

An examination of the assessment rolls shows perhaps greater inequality in such assessments than that of any other property in the state, and in view of the fact that the county assessors do not have access to the records and reports of our state banks or national banks, having no means of reviewing same, and are, therefore, unable to make uniform assessments upon bank stocks and property, I therefore recommend that a law be enacted authorizing the state comptroller, who is the custodian of the records, has supervision over the state banks and access to the records of the national banks, to assess, with the assistance and advice of the attorney general and state treasurer, the bank stock in this state, and notify the assessors of the valuations placed upon such

#### State Capitol Bullding.

For some years past the question of vention held in Jacksonville June 20. 1900, in which it was declared that the question of the removal of the seat of government should be settled by the matter white Democratic electors of the state

#### Thousands Sent Into Exile.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are arged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. Don't be an exile when Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption will care you at home It's the most infallable medicine for eughs, colds, and all throat and lung direct the judiciary in its work, or to diseases on earth. The first dose brings releif. Astounding cures result from persistent use. Trial bot les free a Garrett & Gerig's. Price 50c and \$.100

must approach the consideration of legislature shall provide better and safer

In accordance with this provision of tion, it is the court's sworn duty to de- | the platform, the question of the reclare such law unconstitutional. Noth- moval of the capital was submitted to faithful discharge of its duties would | were canvassed by the state Democratic executive committee on the 20th day of Florida. Many of the states have en- November, 1900, and a certificate of the acted laws creating a supreme court result of said election has been filed in pose of the accumulated cases, which, Clark, chairman of the committee, atwhen properly framed, have been de- tested by Hon. James E. Crane, secreclared constitutional. In California a | tary of the committee, in which it is prescribed by the court. This law was I that a necessity exists for additional held to be constitutional. These com- room, better and safer accommodations that the seat of government shall remain at Tallahassee.

your consideration and determination. sities of our prosperous and growing state demands. My present information leads me to favor the erection of additions as wings to the present capitol building, which I am advised can be constructed of suitable material made comfortable and substantial of approved architectural design, within the cost of \$75,000.

#### State Prisoners.

The message sets forth much valuable information in regard to state convicts. In 1876 the cost of maintenance to the state was \$20,646.25. In 1877 and 1878 it was \$2,500 a year.

In 1879 and 1880 the state received \$100 per annum for all its convicts; 1881. \$4,600 per annum.

In 1885 the state paid \$8,500 for main

From 1886 to 1889, inclusive, the state was at no expense and received no revenne from them.

In 1890 the state received \$15 per convict per annum; 1891, 1892, 1898, 822.50 per convict per aunum, the number being 409, 403, 482, respectively, for the

From 1894 to the present time the state has received \$21,000 per annum, the

After showing the distribution of this fund according to law, and pointing our the improved condition of the convictsince the appointment of a state supervisor, the message says:

The lessees and sub-lessees are warking the prisoners in the two leading industries, about one-half in the mining of phosphate and one-half in the manufacture of naval stores, lumber mills, etc. It will be observed that the lessees | N. Magnolia St. 3 doors from Public Square pay the state about \$26.40 per capita per annum, the sub-lessees pay the lessees amounts ranging from \$90 to \$180 per capita per annum, the \$180 contracts being for picked men, sub-lessees paying the higher prices not bearing the expense of prisoners from the date and place of sentence to the headquarters and during the period up to date of distribution. Sub-lessees have pand similar prices as here mentioned for s vera years past. In 1899 Mr. Wiley, a milroad contractor and builder, as sublessee of state prisoners, paid, so I am informed, \$12 per month per convict for 75 prisoners, and during the years 1893 | Finest Imported and and 1893 the Marion Phosphate company paid \$100 per day for the labor of 100 convicts, the lessees furnishing the

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